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April 24, 2017

Humboldt County Board of Supervisors
Attn: Clerk of the Board of Supervisors.
Room 111 of the County Courthouse
825 Fifth Street
Eureka, CA 95501

Re: *Public Comments Regarding Southern Humboldt Community Park's Project for a General Plan Amendment, Zone Reclassification, Conditional Use Permit and Special Permit and Certification of the Final Environmental Impact Report*

Dear Humboldt County Board of Supervisors:

The Ed Voice Family supports the park and believes it is a vital part of the community that should be fostered. However, the scale of the proposed Project is unsustainable and should be reduced to better suit the park and the community it serves.

Specifically, the Voice Family asks that the Project exclude medium and large events and limit the sports field area to 5.5 acres. This modification would substantially lessen the harmful environmental impacts of the Project.

In particular, the Voice Family requests that you review our public comments from the Draft Environmental Impact Report review process and written public testimony during the Planning Commission hearing on January 5, 2017.

We hope that you will take the necessary time to fully consider these comments and the requests made therein.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Lynne R. Saxton
Saxton & Associates
Counsel for Ed Voice Family

April 25th, 2017

Hello Supervisors,

I am writing to ask for your support for the Benbow Alternative for the SHCP GPA FEIR CUP Rezone. I ask even though I acknowledge that you already have voted for the SHCP Project with amplified events in the Park.

As you know, nearly 600 Sohum signers asked you by petition for no amplified events in the Southern Humboldt Community Park. The wisdom of choosing this alternative is illustrated by the fact that the plan for in-Park amplified events requires over 100 mitigations to be implemented and monitored to make sure that the environmental impacts of the Rezone do not damage the prime ag soils, the water, the air, and the wildlife on the property. The Benbow Alternative eliminates the need for nearly all of these mitigations, thus keeping the Park more intact as a self-renewing ecosystem.

And next I would like to point out something that just came to the public's attention. Before you even take your final vote on the SHCP's GPA, FEIR, CUP on Tuesday 4-25-17, the Garberville Rodeo is already announcing that its **3-day amplified rodeo event** will be held in the Park. They have already placed notices of the Rodeo's new venue into newspapers, TV, and online. This is an event that requires a lot of infrastructure which is not yet available in the Park. And it requires infrastructure that is usually permanent. This is not a **small** event even though some promoters are claiming it is. There is not one word about rodeo in the Park's environmental impact report. This event needs to have public review before being held in the Park.

If the Park Board can have an **unlimited** number of small events under its new Rezone agreement and the first event coming out of the gate is a 3-day public rodeo without a CUP, then the SHCP definition of what constitutes a small event must be more clearly defined than it is now.

I suggest that a small event be defined as 300 persons or less and last one day. Also no more than one amplified event of any size should be permitted anywhere on the SHCP property per day. This will alleviate noise, traffic, and parking pressures.

Thank you for your attention.

Kristin Vogel

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